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September 7, 1926.

HARRY CARPENTER Alibi.

Mr. and Mrs. Carpender, as a result of an invitation given a day or so previous, dined with Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Rice, Jr., of South Addelaide Ave., Highland Park, on the evening of Thursday, September 14, 1922. At the dinner were Mr. Rice, his wife Margaretta, and I think their 14-year-old son Kearny. In any event, Kearny was home during the evening. Some of the other children, who were younger, may also have been at the table.

A Mrs. Ballou, who is not regularly employed by the Rices, was the waitress, or one of the waitresses, on the night in question. She is sister-in-law of Frank Cox, Superintendent of Rutgers buildings.

It is said that a woman neighbor, Mrs. Mifflin, saw the Carpenders enter the Rice house about 7 on this particular evening.

Statements should have been obtained from Mrs. Ballou and Mrs. Mifflin.

I think that both Mrs. Rice and the boy Kearny will be as good, if not better witnesses than Mr. Rice, who is of an excitable nature and probably will lose his temper when questioned by Simpson unless Simpson is more courteous than usual.